

The partisan decision made by Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a horrible perversion of our election process.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what is in the best interest of our democracy. It's more important that we see substantive news about issues that matter to our communities.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.